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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SECURING A WELDING ELECTRODE TO A WELDING TORCH

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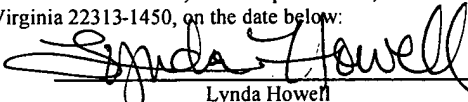
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